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MONETT, MISSOURI, FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1922.

NO DECISION REACHED ON M. & N. A. HEARING

Reply to Petition For Loan to Re-
vive Railroad Has Not Been
Announced.

Jan. 26.—The appeal of the receivers of the M. & N. A. railroad to the interstate commerce commission, is still in the hands of the commission and no decision has been reached, according to word received here yesterday by Harry Marks, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The receivers petitioned the commission for a loan on which to revive the operation of the road and the case got a hearing in Washington last week. It was ended Thursday, but no decision on the matter was given out. Marks wrote to Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, one of the receivers, asking if information on the matter could be furnished, but Wade's reply gave the information that no decision had been reached.

McPHERSON SEEKS SEEDS FOR GARDEN NEED LIST

Carthage, Mo., Jan. 25.—A request that he compile a list of persons who desire government garden seeds sent to them this spring has been received by J. H. Bailey from Congressman I. V. McPherson. Heretofore the lists were made up at random but Congressman McPherson hopes to include in his list all persons who especially desire the seeds. Bailey has announced that he will gladly list any person for seeds who will call at his office or phone or write him.

L. E. McFARLAND DEAD

L. E. McFarland west of Cassville one and one-half miles, died Tuesday afternoon, following a brief illness of gall stones and colic.

Mr. McFarland, wife and little daughter, came to Cassville less than two years ago from Kansas and bought the James Lauderdale farm. Before coming here Mr. McFarland had served as Sheriff of his home county in Kansas and came here highly recommended. During his short residence here he had made many friends.—Cassville Republican.



Rudolph Valentino In
"THE SHEIK"

Thrift--or ORANGES ON COAST

Cal., Jan. 20.—Millions of oranges were frozen on the coast of Southern California last night and severe, though yet undetermined damage was suffered by citrus fruit growers in many districts by the worst frost that has struck this region in nine years, according to officials of the growers organizations. Continued cold weather was anticipated tonight and arrangements were made for smudging large areas of orchard.

AGRICULTURAL BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual election of the state board of agriculture, the following new officers were chosen:
H. W. Avery, Wakefield, president; E. I. Burton, Coffeyville, vice president; W. J. Young, McPherson, treasurer; and J. C. Mohler, Topeka, secretary.

SOUTHWEST PURDY

Cutting and hauling wood is the order of the day in this community. There were services at Mt. Pisgah Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Jim McCracken occupied the pulpit.

Those who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Holder, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Riley Thomas and daughter Iva, Misses Esther Lasley and Demah Ghann and Benton Fly, of near Verona.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Marshall were visitors at the home of General Sooter Sunday evening.

There will be prayer meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Thursday night. Every one come.

Mrs. Riley Thomas and daughter, Iva, spent Monday afternoon with Miss Frona Sooter.

Misses Leona and Pearl Sooter were shopping in Purdy, Saturday afternoon.

School is progressing nicely at Pleasant Valley with Miss Demah Ghann as teacher.

Misses Frona and Leona Sooter and little brother Howard visited their sister, Miss Goldia Sooter, who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Higgs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparlin Henson and son, Ray, visited their daughter, Mrs. Bryan Higgs and family, Sunday.

Miss Lora and Marzelle Boyer were the Sunday guests of Misses Mary and Letha Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Goostree and two small daughters spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Higgs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boswell and daughters, Opal and Ona, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Marshall, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eden and daughter, Gladys, attended church at Mt. Joy, Sunday, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed.

Miss Frona Sooter and Emer Ware spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Metcalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Marshall.

Mrs. Charley Jeffries visited Pleasant Valley school, Tuesday evening.

General Sooter and Tom Terry have been cutting wood for Will Holder.

KINGS PRAIRIE

C. C. Carter and Frank Wightman attended the grape meeting in Monett last Saturday.

Crouch's wood saw has been in the neighborhood sawing up the winter wood. It beats chopping.

Frank Wightman has been busy hauling two straw stacks from B. S. Stribling's place, spreading it on his fields.

Next Sunday is Rev. Ferguson's regular time at New Liberty church. An invitation is extended to all to attend these services. It will do you good.

Montia Collar, who owns a house and blacksmith shop on Carter's corner, had been doing a good business, locked his shop, got in his car and left about six weeks ago. Since then no word of him has come to his wife or folks.

Misses Ira and Violet Swearingen and brother Arthur, of Seligman, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Johnnie Spencer this week.

E. R. Stribling, of Marshall Hill, visited his father at his home on Kingsprairie last Sunday. Mrs. Mary Dobson, chairman, Frances Porter, Louise Johnson.

Class expects to make a good class this year and have a large class in 1923.

After the business meeting dainty refreshments were served and games were played by those present.

SALESMAN WANTED

We wish to secure the services of a thoroughly reliable man to act as our local representative at Monett, Mo. The capital, experience and reputation of the largest real estate organization in the world established in 1900 will be behind you and your success is assured. We advertise in papers with combined circulation of 51,500,000 and receive thousands of inquiries from prospective farm buyers daily, have sold more than 26,000 improved farms and our business is capable of paying \$3,000 to \$7,500 yearly. Unless you have been successful in other ventures and enjoy the confidence and respect of your townsmen, do not apply. Applicant should own an automobile. State all qualifications in first letter which will be held in strict confidence. E. A. STROUT FARM AGENCY, 831 N. Y. Life Bldg., Kansas City, Mo. w2212

FUNERAL FOR LLOYD C. RUGGLES FRIDAY

Funeral services for Lloyd C. Ruggles, who died at Denver, Colo., January 23, will be held at the First Baptist church of Monett at 2:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon, January 27. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, the pastor, and the American Legion will give their burial service.

A simple funeral service was held in the Olinger Mortuary at Denver Tuesday afternoon. This was done at the request of Mr. Ruggles' university fraternity, the Sigma Phi Epsilon of Colorado University of Boulder, Colo. A very pretty service was given Rev. Raider whose three sons were close friends of the deceased, preaching the sermon, with Chaplain Edwards, of the Fitzsimmons United States Hospital assisting. The fraternity alumni at Denver also attended the service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruggles, parents of the young man, arrived in Monett with the body Thursday morning taking the remains to their home, 614 Seventh street.

Lloyd Calvin Ruggles was born at Newtonia, Mo., February 15, 1893, and died at the Fitzsimmons United States Hospital at Denver, Colo., Monday, January 23, 1922, being at his death, 28 years, 11 months and 8 days old.

He, with his parents, came to Monett when he was a young boy and have since made their home here. Lloyd united with the Baptist church at Monett in 1908 and was a consistent church member and Christian young man.

He graduated from Monett high school in 1912 in a class of unusual promise, being one of the brightest students. After his graduation he entered the University of Missouri, and afterwards entered the University of Colorado at Boulder.

The day after the United States entered the World War, Lloyd Ruggles was with the student body of the Colorado University which volunteered for United States service. He was probably the first Monett young man who volunteered in his country's service. He was in service in the 15th Engineers. He went into training at Camp Kearney at San Diego, Calif. On December 24. When he attempted to pass the officers physical examination, it was found that he had tuberculosis and he was immediately discharged from service.

He returned to Colorado, making only one brief visit home from that time until he passed away. He by in the United States Fitzsimmons Hospital his parents being with him during his last hours. Beside his parents, he is survived by his present Mrs. J. Herron Westbay and Mrs. C. niece. At the funeral services, Mrs. afternoon members of his sister, Mrs. class and American Legion, C. Crump, pall bearers and girl men Mary Ryan, class will act as flower Mrs. D. R.

The deceased was oncker, Mrs. E. best young men. He valley, Mrs. Joe intelligent and ambitious young man, Mrs. the highest moral character Harry Davies warm friends wherever he was.

is with much sadness. N IN BANKRUPTCY of this community. Wiggins of Aurora, Mo., moving picture show proprietor, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in United States district court here yesterday. He lists his liabilities as \$3,766.83 and assets at \$65.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Fred Bauer _____ Verona
Elna Lehde _____ Verona
Mike Welde _____ Monett
Bertha McGinnis _____ Peirce City

WHY SET APPLE TREES NOW?

Because there are over 50 per cent less apple trees now than there were in 1910, according to the Washington Bureau of reports. There are also over 50 per cent less peach trees than in 1910. What will be the result? There is going to be a scarcity of fruit in a few years, therefore now is a fine time to get into the game. We have the biggest and nicest block of TWO YEAR old trees we have ever grown, including Black Ben, Ben Davis, Gano, Staymens Winesap, Grimes, King David, Jonathan, and all the leading varieties. We also have a block of one year old trees that pleases all those who have inspected it. This includes all the standard varieties. We have about 40,000 nice peach trees, also berry plants, cherries, ornamentals and etc. Don't fail to write us at once for our new price list. We will do you right. THE CLEVER NURSERY CO., w111f
Clever, Mo.

FUNERAL OF POPE HELD TODAY

Body Will Be Entombed in Basilica
Of St. Peter's With Strictest
Privacy.

Rome, Jan. 25.—The body of Benedict XV will be entombed in the Basilica of St. Peter's tomorrow. The ceremony will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, after which the sacred college will devote itself exclusively to matters pertaining to the conclave, to be held February 2.

Preparations for the funeral and the collection and arranging of documents and medals to be placed in the coffin occupied practically the entire day of the members of the sacred college and the vatican household. The medals include all those struck during the pontificate of Benedict.

The funeral ceremony will be the strictest privacy, the vatican officials holding to the letter that none be admitted to the vast basilica except the sacred college, the members of the pontifical household, diplomatic officers accredited to the vatican office of the units of the pontifical arm forces which are detailed for the ceremony according to the rites of members of the most ancient papal nobility.

SOUTH MONETT

Sunday School was well established at Mt. Pisgah, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford basis. He children spent Sunday. Each of the children spent Sunday. Each of the children spent Sunday. Each of the children spent Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Eden v price was con with Mrs. Gus Medd the dead game Mr. and Mrs. He rabbits, clean son spent Sunday wishes, delivered to Chumbley.

Miss Edna J. this was during the day night w only.

Martha Bou immediately interested Mrs. W. f the community and the Helen A possibilities for spending day with further allurements. Rab-

Miss Miss was the order of the day in Mon the designated time they Mr. at in the bunnies—in crates, and boxes by the dozens. Vari-

A modes of trapping came to light, A the old fashioned "gum" with a Strigger and dropping door was the Ghost popular.

Men Became Interested.

The first year this was chiefly a boys' game of the immediate neighborhood, plainly of local scope, the total daily receipts of which could be reckoned in hundreds. But this year the business has outgrown all former bounds and limitations. Today men as well as boys from all over the country within a 20-mile radius are bringing in the rabbits, many having a collection of 40 to 60 each. In buggies, wagons, autos, horseback and afoot, they bring in the coveted game. Age is no barrier—boys of 6 and men of 60 alike stand in line, waiting their turn to "cash in."

So fast has the supply increased that Mr. Ferrell has had to enlarge his handling facilities. He rented a storeroom on the public square at Cassville and employs several assistants including a packer, grader, checking clerk and a few men to continually repair and make new shipping crates. To date he has never been able to get a supply of reserve crates ahead.

Several hundred dollars is paid to the trappers each week. This amount of money expended in a small rural community, coming at a season of the year when scarcely any farm products are marketed, comes in very handy. As one trapper put it, "we enjoy the sport, are paid well, and at the same time get rid of the rabbits which are a menace to orchards and other forms of vegetation."

Game Is Plentiful.

Will this continual drain soon affect the supply, you might naturally ask. No. There are literally millions of rabbits in this section of the country; they are prolific breeders and each summer affords them ample time to recuperate their depleted numbers. Other crops may fail, but the Missouri cottontail is a sure bet.

Perhaps it might be of interest to know just how the rabbits are started on their long journey. They are packed in sydenmore crates holding one dozen, a little compartment being partitioned off for each rabbit. Holes are bored in the sides to admit air. A bunch of the best grade of clover hay is placed in each section, a sprinkle of oats and also an apple split in halves which furnishes Mr. Rabbit his drinking supply for the entire trip. The tops are nailed on and the crates are ready for delivery

MILTON ABERNATHY

Milton Abernathy, for many years a resident of Cassville, died Sunday night at the home of Arch Hessee and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Hudson near this city, following a lingering illness of many weeks. He was 78 years old.

Uncle Milt, as he was familiarly called, had been bedfast for seven weeks but had been in very poor health for sometime. He had made his home lately at the Hessee home and Mrs. Harris Hudson gave him the attention that a daughter would give her own father. This Uncle Milt greatly appreciated. His day of his illness was a day of his appreciation of the appreciation of the recipients of the Milton S. A. H. Guild county smile on the face of the subject, when paid for his trap-

During the time he was in the hospital, he says more than once, "I am a direct result of profiting from the past failures and a care and duty of the subject, less than 10 per cent covers the entire field of in-apping fatalities.

Acting upon the theory that one's dreams often come true, he purchased a little farm near Cassville, and an interesting feature of this move was that he brought three fine beagles with him to his new home. Mr. Ferrell was in the habit of contributing articles from time to time to certain sporting publications, and it was through this medium that an old friend interested him in a beagle proposition. Ferrell consented to take a beagle to train which soon afterward became a field champion. A little later he was induced to send some of his own dogs to the field trials, and in this manner was soon drawn into the game in a public way.

Dogs were sent to Ferrell from various states for training. Today there is such a demand for his training that farm work to him is a lost art, so busy is he training beagles in the spring and summer, attending field trials in the fall, and into the wild cottontail business up to his neck in the winter time. Naturally the two sports are closely interwoven—more beagles demanded more rabbits and vice versa. Trapping a few rabbits for friends on special orders proved to be the vital link of an endless chain of demand.

This peculiar line of industry has evoked many humorous press comments in this section of the country. Last year Mr. Ferrell used an abandoned canning factory as headquarters to buy the bunnies. A nearby city got wind of the fact and asked him for a story, concluding the request by asking him to be sure to state in the article just how he "canned" the rabbits.

It was plainly up to Ferrell to "deliver the goods" in his rabbit trade to establish domestic peace. Until this year his wife had tried to discourage him in the project of rabbit buying, which on a small scale had consumed considerable time without any great remuneration. As previously stated he would receive an order for a dozen or so rabbits from some particular friend and, being of an obliging disposition, Ferrell would try to furnish them the game.

This season Ferrell told his wife he would go into this thing on a scale of sufficient size that would either "make or break" him. If he did not make a success of it, he promised to quit. He succeeded, and today Mrs. Ferrell takes an active interest in the work assisting in more ways than one. Incidentally, she is riding about in a new car.

We are not going to disclose any of Mr. Ferrell's trade secrets, but will say upon good authority that his rabbit business this season will probably net him three or four thousand dollars—considerably more than his neighbors make by their labors on their farms for an entire year.

Next year Ferrell expects to include the native opossum in his trapping and shipping business and is making the necessary arrangements for this addition at the present time.

MRS. WILL MEADOR

IS HOSTESS

Mrs. Will Meador, No. 600 Lincoln avenue, was hostess to Circle No. 1 of the Christian church Thursday afternoon. There was a good attendance of members. After a business session a dainty lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed. Mrs. A. M. Trimble will be hostess to the Circle next Thursday afternoon at her home.

FOR SALE: Hedge fence posts. Herbert Walton, Phone 908-23. w111f

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFF

County Fairing a conference missionaries, welfare Harold J. Harp by officials, which Sunday School al hemorrhage, led to for a meeting, it's death, according to of the eight, city health director to be held, present at the meeting.

ville on T of the city vice condi- 9, beginn of charges by Mrs. district wing from charges by Mrs. pected W. Allen that women pris- had the of not properly handled, had the of heated. Police Commissioner Busin is said to have declared co- ation between the city and police department was lacking. The mayor is quoted as replying: "You thought you would find co-operation lacking but, instead, when you came to this hearing you discovered that you were wrong; that the city stands ready to aid any department."

As Commissioner Foster was about to speak again, the mayor's head fell back on his shoulders and his face darkened. His lips moved but no words were audible. He was carried to a couch and died a minute later.

Mayor Cowgill began his political career in 1882 when he was elected presiding judge of the Caldwell county, Missouri, court. Caldwell county was the home of his parents and he was instrumental in laying out the town of Cowgill, Mo.

He served as a member of the Caldwell county court until 1890, when he was elected a member of the state house of representatives, serving until 1892, when he became member of the Missouri state railroad and warehouse commission. He was defeated for renomination to that office in 1898. From 1900 to 1904 he was city treasurer of Kansas City. In the latter year he was the democratic nominee for state treasurer but was defeated. He was elected to the state treasury, however, in 1908, serving until 1912. In that year he was mentioned as the democratic candidate for governor, but declined on the ground that his health would not permit him to make the campaign. He was elected chairman of the democratic state central committee in 1916 and worked tirelessly for the election of Frederick D. Gardner of St. Louis, the successful candidate for governor.

He was elected mayor of Kansas City in 1918 and was re-elected in 1920, his term expiring in the coming April.

Judge Cowgill was owner of extensive cattle lands in the vicinity of Garden City, Kansas, and was preparing, friends said to remove to his ranch at the expiration of his term as mayor.

EDEN

Health is good in this part. George Enke Jr., and John Crum-ly took a load of wood to Monett Thursday.

Mrs. Magnin called on Miss Dena Withers Monday evening.

Mrs. Ed Henderson visited Wednesday evening with her daughter Mrs. George Enke.

Mrs. Blanche Chastain and little son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Goodnight and family.

Several from this part attended the funeral of Mrs. Tennie Horine at Mt. Pisgah Wednesday evening.

Those who spent Sunday evening with Sherman Rhea and wife were Maud, Lilly and Oliver Young and Ferlon Gilbert.

FOR THE BLIND

A small storekeeper, much to the astonishment of his neighbors, suddenly decorated his shop window with a gorgeous new blind. It was the sensation of the day, and few of his brethren failed to make some remark to him about it.

"Nice blind you've got there, Isaac" said one.

"Yes, Aaron."

"How much did it cost you, Isaac?"

"It didn't cost me anything, Aaron. My customers paid for it."

"What! Your customers paid for it?"

"Yes, Aaron. I put a leedle box on my counter 'For the Blind,' and they paid for it."—The Open Road.

ROAD CONTRACT TO BE LET

J. C. Henry county highway engineer, was in Springfield, first of the week, and said he was informed by District Engineer Moberly, that the contract would be let on the Butterfield project soon, and that the contract for the building of the road in Flat Creek Special Road District, would be ready for letting about March 1.—Cassville Democrat.